

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 32, line 25, as follows:

We have previously shown that human sPLA₂-IIA is dose-dependently inhibited by a pentapeptide sequence comprising residues 70-74 of the native sPLA₂-IIA protein (70FLSKY74) SEQ ID NO:5 (Tseng, A., et al., (1996) J. Biol. Chem. 271:23992-23998). Because of the inherent flexibility of the linear peptide sequence, inhibition was weak in *in vitro* activity assays. We have recently designed two novel cyclic peptides (Church, W.B. et al.), cFLSYR and a cyclic peptide where F and Y are substituted with 2-naphthylalanine (c(2NapA)LS(2NapA)R). Both have shown significant improvement in potency over linear peptides. The potent stimulatory effect of exogenous sPLA₂-IIA on prostate cancer cell number was completely blocked by the sPLA₂-IIA inhibitor, cFLSYR (Fig. 2B) at all concentrations tested.